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Extract of a letter from Rev. S. A. Steintal.

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[Return Copy to S. M. Jr.]

My dear Mr May,

I enclose a letter from my father in law, which will explain the nonarrival of the Bury Anti Slavery Box. I suppose as the Africa sailed last Saturday, it will have arrived before this reaches you. Our Bury friends will manage better next time I hope. - Perhaps you have some late Anti Slavery Bazaars at which this box may come in usefully enough, and of course you will know what can be done with it to put it to the greatest advantage. - I sent a very long letter indeed to Mr Garrison. I hope I have no doubt he will be deeply alarmed at the thought of a correspondent who imputes such long epistles upon his friends. But I may assure him, it is not often I can afford to be so long winded, but unfortunately of late I have been some what of an invalid, & cannot do much out of door work, so that I have been driven to do something more with the pen. A good part of that letter was intended as a reply to Mr Putnam's letter about English crimes, a very fair subject indeed for animadversion, on the part of men who like the American Abolitionists have really cleared themselves from the guilt of their own nation's iniquity, & a disclaimers of which would no doubt prove very interesting; but you may rely upon me I shall not defend the wrongs we have been guilty of.

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Do you ever see the Organ of D'Israeli's Party in our
~~weekly newspapers~~ "The Press"? It is a very ^{able} ~~clever~~ paper
indeed, - Last week in noticing a work lately published
by Mr Dalton about British Guiana it speaks about
Emancipation having been injurious to the Colony &
almost laments that we were foolish enough to set
our slaves free, since at present American, Spanish
Portuguese & other slaveholders have been the only gainers
by our sentimental policy! - You can judge what our
English Tories are, "ex vague disce leonem". In the same
article it speaks of the coloured population having become
extensive freeholders, enjoying privileges of education
& taking a higher standing than formerly in society: but
of course the benefits these low people have obtained, their
having become responsible beings &c are nothing in
the scale when we reflect upon the loss more interesting
creatures the planters, who were accustomed to prey
upon their fellow men, have sustained! - It quotes
in another article upon ~~abolition~~ abolition the periodical
literature of your Southern States, some articles from a magazine
published in Charleston, I think, with something
like approval. In those articles slavery is defended
& a return to the slave trade almost advocated. The
wise reviewers of "The Press" concludes that "Slavery
must grow with the growth of the United States & strengthen
with their strength". - I must own that this appears
to me to read like a prophecy that the United States
must come to an end, for I have sufficient faith
left me to believe that God will not permit iniquity
to prevail for ever. - You see we are not all Antislavery

in England yet. — You need not despair therefore for
the States. — By the bye your Census reveals to us here a
source of hope for the slave, but it is an awful one;
the letters of your Southern Correspondent John Bale
seem to confirm that expectation; that slavery
will let in a terrible war against the white population.
Your slave population seems to me to be increasing at
such a rate that it will be an utter impossibility
to retain them long in bondage, and if men like
John Bale, to whom I send my most hearty &
most sincere expressions of good feeling, help to spread
abroad the sacred love of liberty, some of us may live to
see the rising of the colored people of the South triumph.
It is a horrible alternative, freedom or a terrible war: It
must be the earnest prayer of every man that the slave-
holders & their Northern abettors may become awake
unto their duty in time to spare us the horrors of such
a time: but I for one cannot help joining with
snuff old Dr. Johnson in the toast — "Success to the
next Negro-Insurrection"! I like the idea of pocket
compasses and even revolvers if necessary: if I were on
a jury I could never say that shooting a man who
attempts to hinder a slave in his escape was any-
thing more than "justifiable homicide". — I have
in England publicly advocated the justice of helping
the Poles to their independence; and the oppressed
slaves of America deserve our sympathy still more

than the victims of Monarchical Villainy. -

I am glad to hear that Dr. Solger is lecturing among you. He is an old friend of mine, and fully deserves the praises which I see he has received in the Liberator. I heard him lecture in England, & was ~~very~~ ^{greatly} ~~impressed~~ ^{impressed} with his lectures. Although I do not agree with all his views, yet many of them seem to me indisputable. Judging from the tone of your papers, much enlightenment is needed as to European politics, & men like Solger must be useful. If you see him, remember me very kindly to him, & tell him I remember the hours, I have spent with him, & his amiable lady, with pleasure. -

Johnes Pillsbury is I hear in Bath: & wherever he goes he does much service to the good cause of freedom, & the best wishes of all his friends accompany him. We always want one of your ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~bound~~ ^{bound} ~~among us~~ ^{among us} to keep ~~the~~ ^{up} the sacred fire among us. I hope Mr. Pillsbury will be able to stay with us a good while longer, but whenever he returns be sure you send us over another hero to keep us up to our duty.

With my warmest good wishes for your continued success in your noble enterprise

believe me

Yours most faithfully

Alfred Richmond

~~P.S. We shall be anxious to see the result of Mr. Chase's proposition to Congress. -~~

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